

ABSTRACT

A method and system for issuing tickets for obtaining goods and services using an IC card is disclosed. The method includes the steps of purchasing online a ticket from a ticket issuer, transmitting from the ticket issuer to the ticket purchaser an e-ticket containing information about the ticket purchased, wherein the e-ticket is integrated with the ownership of the ticket transferred at the time of the purchase so that the e-ticket is negotiable for any further transactions, and recording the e-ticket information onto an IC card. The method further includes the steps of reading the e-ticket information from the IC card presented by a user presenting the IC card, dispensing a physical ticket based on the e-ticket information, and updating the e-ticket information on the IC card to reflect the ticket issuance. Because the e-ticket is negotiable for further transactions, it can be sent to another for gift or resale. The present invention has the advantages of increasing user convenience and safety in ordering tickets online and reducing cost for ticket service providers.